

Lamoine Conservation Commission

Minutes for June 8, 2011

Present: Members: Bob Pulver, Chair; Annie Crisafulli, Carol Korty, David Schick, Fred Stocking
Alternates: Larry Libby and Nancy Pochan
Guest: Willem Brutsaert, Bruce Gillett

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Carol Korty read letters of thanks, signed by LCC members, to Fred Stocking, who is stepping down after serving three terms, and David Schick, who is stepping down after serving one term. Although this session was their last official one, both men agreed to continue helping LCC on various projects – Fred on completing the Open Spaces project and David on trail work, as it arises.

Open Space Project

The sections addressed were:

1. Introduction: Purpose and Importance of Open space (Fred)
2. Context: 1996 Comprehensive Plan and Changes in Lamoine since 1996 (Larry)
3. Town Support of Open Space and Outdoor Recreation (Fred)
4. Open Space Inventory
 - Beginning with Habitat data (Annie)
 - Recreation: State Park, Lamoine Parks (Nancy)
 - Recreation: Snowmobile Trails, Hiking Trails, playground (David)
 - Recreation: scenic resources (Bob)
5. Marine Environment: Shellfish Conservation Ordinance
 - Frenchman Bay Stakeholders
 - Eelgrass Restoration (Carol)
6. Aquifer Protection and Open Space (Carol)
7. Open Space Vision for Lamoine (Everyone)
8. Next Steps for Open Space in Lamoine (Bob)
9. Appendices
10. Map
11. Other: cemeteries, Lamoine Corner, Old Church, old houses and barns

The group agreed that including a map showing the open spaces in Lamoine would be very helpful to any individual or committee using our report.

Carol submitted materials for consideration. Decision was made for members to review these on own time and discuss at next session, along with materials brought from other members.

Fred asked that each member submit completed work on his/her aspect of the project to him so that he can edit all to a consistent style of writing and presentation.

Eel Grass report

Carol reported that Chris James has been monitoring outdoor tanks at the Lamoine school with his 7th grade class. Jane Disney provided two tanks from MDI Biological Laboratory to compare growing grass in sediment and in gravel. The 7th Graders made two class field trips: one to the Bar (the strip of land between MDI and Bar Island) with Dr. Disney to observe eel grass growing there and a second on June 13th to a Eel Grass Summit at the MDI Bio Lab, joining students from Tremont Elementary, Bangor's James F. Doughty Elementary, and Pemetic Elementary.

Two Lamoine students, Nicole Brown and Kaleb Payson, were accepted to participate in The Young Environmental Leaders Program at the Laboratory, August 1-5th. They will learn GIS mapping and conduct their own eelgrass restoration projects. The program is funded by Maine Community Foundation.

On Saturday, June 19th, 27 students and teachers from Waterville and Bangor participated in a major eel grass project, tying grass on 20 biodegradable grids and 20 metal grids, which they placed in Berry Cove and Hadley Point. This represented follow up on having spent the week of their April vacation at the MDI Bio Lab. To assure their readiness at the morning low tide, they all camped out at Lamoine State Park Friday night.

Dr. Disney reported that this spring, eel grass has disappeared from the Jordan River. The cause is unknown, although it was noted that plants were not doing well there last year. This is very worrisome because the Jordan River has previously had a rich source.

Clean Water, Clean Shores report

Larry Libby attended Ron Greenberg's meeting May 24th at Maine Coast Heritage Trust, representing LCC. Ron wishes Lamoine to commit to September 17th to coordinate with operations on the Island. Terry Begley of Friends of Acadia is a staff person who will train volunteers.

Bob Pulver will check with Jay McIntosh, manager of Lamoine State Park, to learn the date for national shore clean up designated by Ocean Conservancy. LCC coordinated with Jay last year on the clean up and wishes to do so again this year.

All agreed it would be good if the MDI date were the same as our park's date, but if not, we will work with Lamoine State Park. As last year, sections of the shore are assigned to teams of six volunteers. The number of sections covered will be determined by the number of volunteers.

E-mail list

Bob Pulver will take over the e-mail list of about 30 names from Fred and continue sending out information on environmental bills, LCC publicity, MEACC news, and other pertinent news.

Membership

LCC welcomed Larry Libby's willingness to step up to full member from that of Alternate. There remain two positions open: one full and one alternate. Bruce Gillett has expressed interest in joining LCC in either role.

August LCC session

Nancy Pochan reported that Linda Penkalski volunteered to again lead a star gazing evening on August 17th or 24th. LCC decided upon the 17th, with 24th reserved in case of rain or clouds on the 17th. Neither date fall on our regular meeting date, but were chosen to avoid a bright moon. The plan is to commence with a picnic at Lamoine Beach, followed by star gazing at Marlboro Beach, where conditions are superior.

Other business

Nancy proposed an Organic Native Plant Sale by Julie Beckford, who is willing to give a workshop and plant sale. 25% of proceeds would go to LCC. We realized we'd need to ask Stu about the legality of this. It was decided that the plant sale should occur at the Transfer Station or the Grange parking lot, not at Town Hall. The date of such an event is unknown – perhaps next spring.

Tasks

Fred and Bob will work on the LCC email list.

Bob will ask Stu about conflict of interest re plant sale, talk with Jay McIntosh re date for Shore Clean Up, and submit report to July Lamoine Quarterly.

Nancy and Annie will work on publicity for star gazing and write up about LCC Gardening with Native Plants session for July Lamoine Quarterly.

Carol will write up about eel grass project and submit to Bob for July LQ.

Everyone will work on Open Spaces report and send theirs in to Fred.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Minutes respectively submitted by,

Carol Korty
Secretary, pro tem

Reviewed and Approved by the Lamoine Conservation
Commission on July 13, 2011, by a vote of 5 to 0.

Carol Korty